

# Build an LL Bean Inspired Large Bench

## Free Plans to Build an LL Bean Inspired Large Bench

This is the perfect bench for the entryway, porch, or garden! The free plans to build an LL Bean inspired Large Bench would be fabulous in cedar – especially when it ages to that awesome grey patina. This is another quick and easy build which would be a fantastic weekend project!

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### Materials:

- 1-1/4" pocket hole screws
- 1-1/4" brad nails

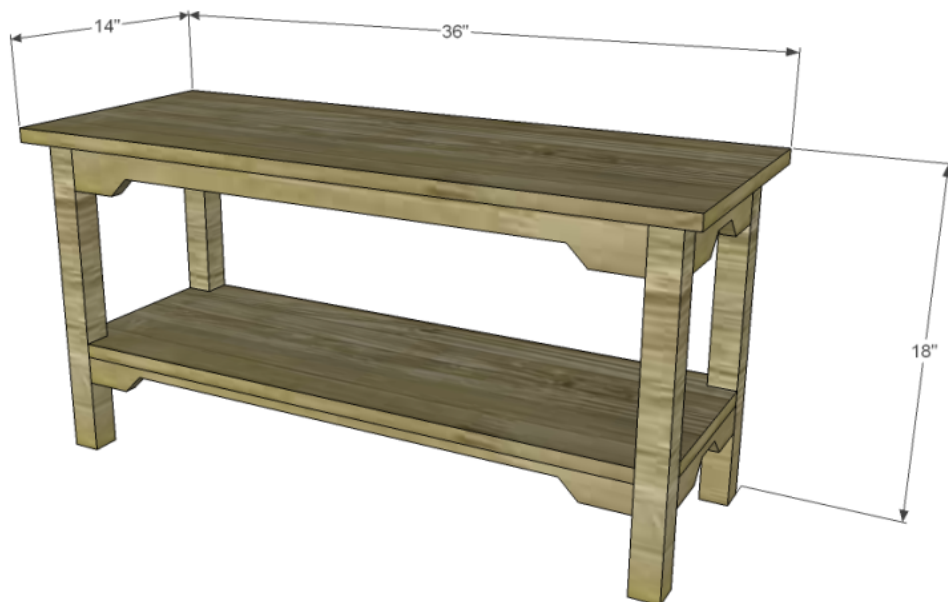
- Edge banding
- Finishing supplies

## Lumber:

- 1 – 1×2 at 8′
- 1 – 1×3 at 8′
- 1 – 2×2 at 8′
- 1 half sheet of 3/4″ plywood

## Cut List:

- 4 – 2×2 at 17-1/4″ – Legs
- 2 – 1×3 at 9″ – Side Stretchers
- 2 – 1×2 at 9″ – Side Stretchers
- 2 – 1×3 at 31″ – Long Stretchers
- 2 – 1×2 at 31″ – Long Stretchers
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 12″ x 34″ – Shelf
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 14″ x 36″ – Seat

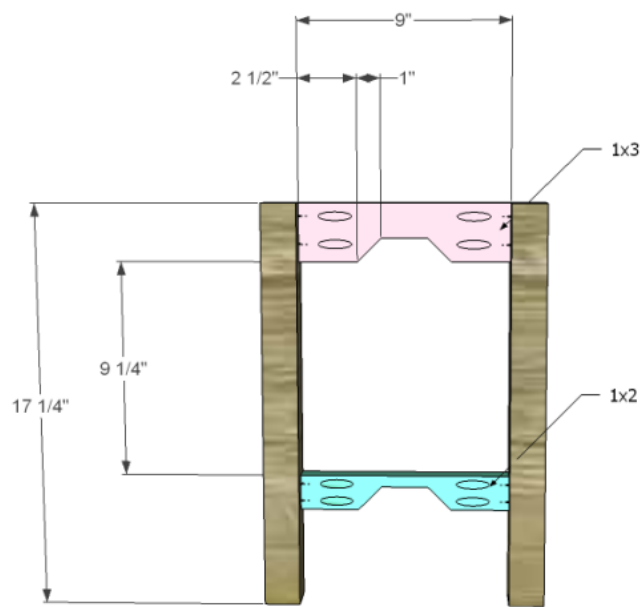


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Edge banding will be applied before assembly.

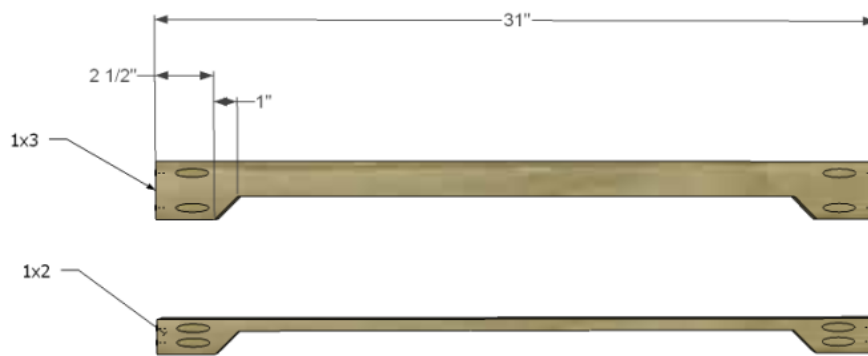
## Step One

Cut the pieces for the legs and the side stretchers. The decorative angles are optional, and can be cut using the saw of your choice. Drill pocket holes in each end and position as shown. Secure using glue and 1-1/4" pocket hole screws.

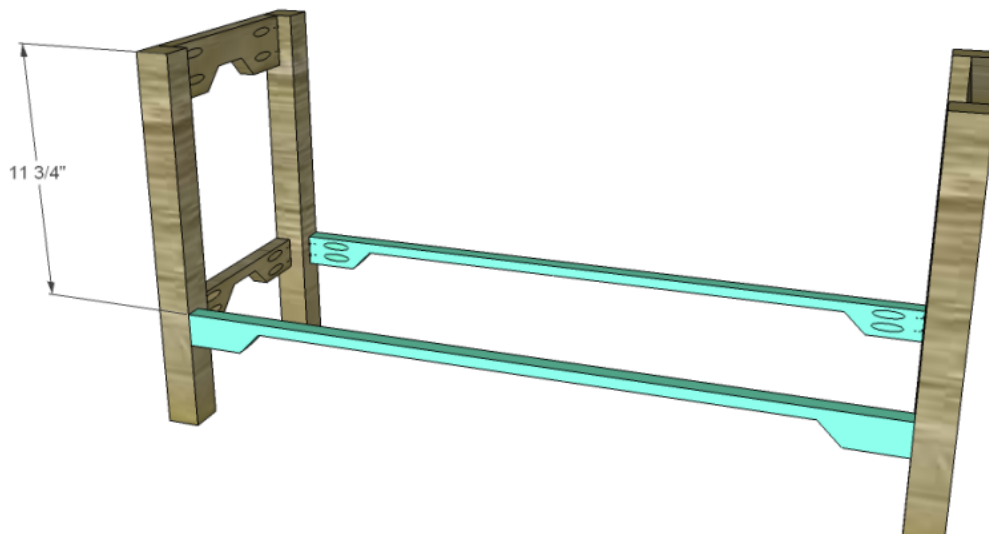


## Step Two

Cut the pieces for the long stretchers. Cut the decorative angles, if desired, and drill pocket holes in each end. Position as shown then secure using glue and 1-1/4" pocket hole screws. Do not attach the upper stretchers until the shelf (next step) is in position.

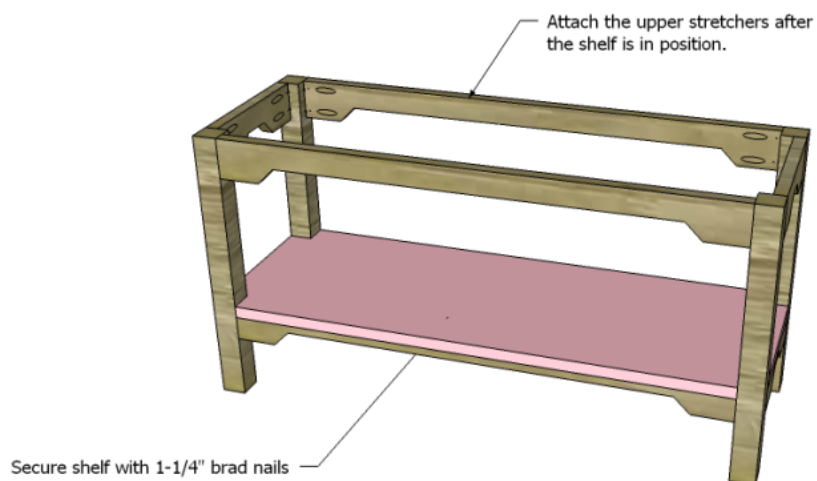
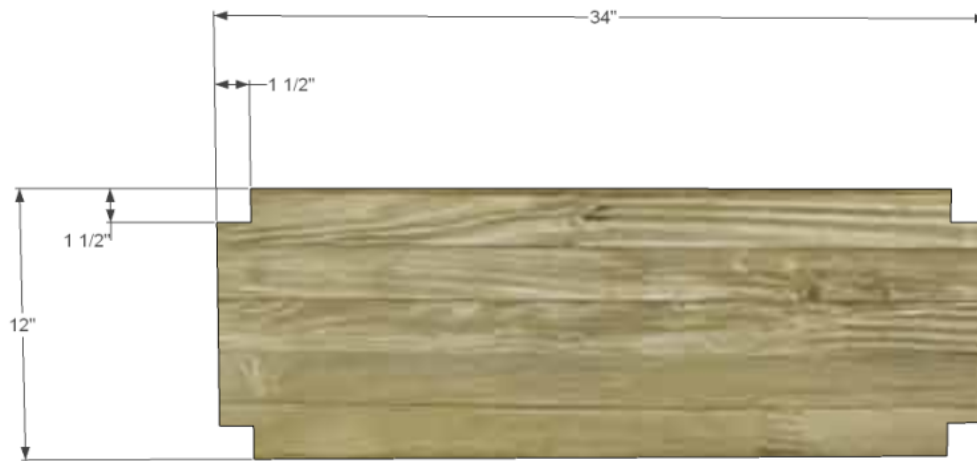


The dimensions for the cutout on both pieces are the same



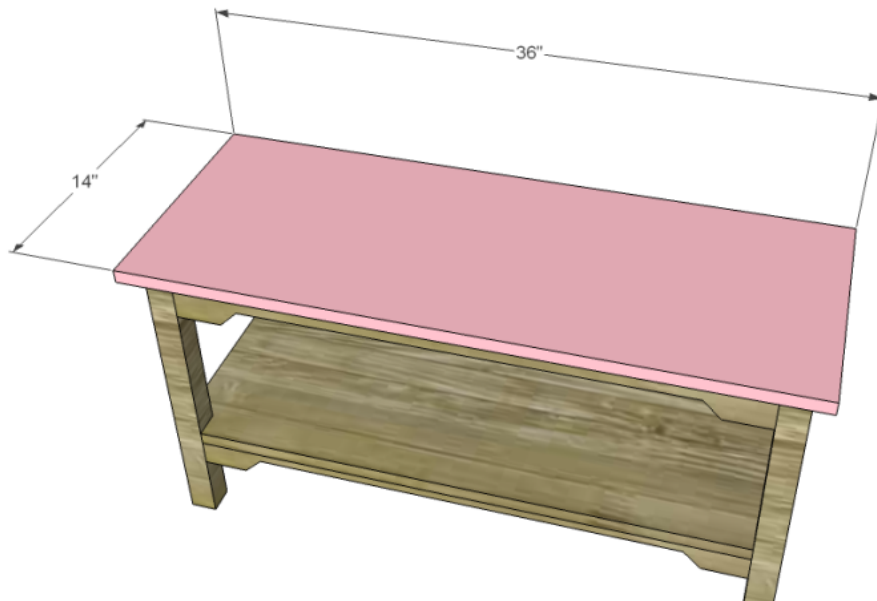
### Step Three

Cut the piece for the shelf, and cut the notches at each corner. Secure to the lower stretchers using glue and 1-1/4" brad nails. Attach the upper stretchers using glue and 1-1/4" pocket hole screws.



#### Step Four

Cut the piece for the top. The piece will overhang all sides by 1". Secure using glue and 1-1/4" brad nails.



Finish as desired!

The free plans to build an LL Bean inspired Large Bench would be great in an entryway or mudroom – it even has a the shelf underneath the seat to store shoes or backpacks! Got a project you've completed using my plans? Share photos with me at [cher@designsbystudioc.com](mailto:cher@designsbystudioc.com) or [designsbystudioc@gmail.com](mailto:designsbystudioc@gmail.com). I would love to feature your work on DbSC!